

February 4, 2003

Lanson R. Rogers  
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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO ELECTRONIC MAIL DATED JANUARY 11, 2003, REGARDING  
GENERIC SAFETY ISSUE 191, "ASSESSMENT OF DEBRIS ACCUMULATION  
ON PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR SUMP PERFORMANCE"

Dear Mr. Rogers:

I am writing this letter in response to your electronic mail (e-mail) to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) dated January 11, 2003, in which you expressed certain concerns relating to Generic Safety Issue (GSI)-191, "Assessment of Debris Accumulation on Pressurized Water Reactor [PWR] Sump Performance." Your e-mail was entered into the Agencywide Documents Access and Management System (ADAMS) under the Accession No. ML030130154), which is available at the Commission's Public Document Room, located at One White Flint North, Public File Area O1F21, 11555 Rockville Pike, Rockville, Maryland, or electronically on the Internet at the NRC Web site <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm>.

Your e-mail dated January 11, 2003, stated that you are concerned that the NRC has been ineffective in the handling and proper closure of GSI-191. The NRC staff is actively pursuing resolution of GSI-191. The results of the parametric studies regarding GSI-191 were completed on September 28, 2001. The NRC staff has internal procedures in place to address the issues related to GSI-191 and is following them methodically. Let me assure you that our processes are deliberate to allow comprehensive thorough review of issues to ensure adequate protection of public health and safety. Additionally, our procedures require us to obtain stakeholder input through public meetings to increase public confidence. We have held the following public meetings regarding GSI-191(the ADAMS Accession numbers for each meeting notice follows):

- March 28, 2002 (Accession No. ML020700337)
- May, 30, 2002 (Accession No. ML021070625)
- July 2, 2002 (Accession No. ML021780365)
- August 29, 2002 (Accession No. ML022060505)
- October 24, 2002 (Accession No. ML022810465)
- December 12, 2002 (Accession No. ML023290596)

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The NRC staff is scheduled to release a draft Generic Letter for public comment in spring 2003. The public comment period will provide you an opportunity to express any comments you may have on the draft Generic Letter. We will mail you a copy of the draft Generic Letter once it is completed.

Sincerely,

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